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## Taxpayers Beware-Udall Is Coming!

STEWART UDALL, the ubiquitous SECRETARY of the INTERIOR, has laid aside his political cap—at least for the moment—and put on his social planning hat to give the American public the benefit of his latest

thinking.

His plan is very simple: Just a little ol' tax—nothing much, a penny here on soft drinks, a penny there on cigarets—to take care of a big, new national program.

And what is this urgent business that calls for another bite on the taxpayer? Something to bolster the national defense? Send a man farther into space? Strengthen the CIA

forces in Cuba?

Well, hardly. Mr. Udall wants to give us all a great, big national outdoor recreation program. We're not sure exactly what he has in mind, but one thing we do know—it will cost money. He's thinking of the tax on soda pop or cigarets, or possibly some kind of fee system in the National Parks and Recreation Areas.

Thanks just the same, MR. SECRETARY—but let's forget about that, for a little while, until we get through those outdoor recreation programs we're already involved in, over in Laos, Vietnam, Korea, Berlin, Africa and a few other assorted spots. Our thanks to you, MR. UDALL, you have a heart as big as all outdoors.